

# UTAH BOARD OF JUVENILE JUSTICE

## MEETING NOTES

<b>Committee:</b>	<b>Disproportionate Minority Contact (DMC) Committee</b>
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<b>Date:</b>	Fri. May 30, 2008	<b>Time:</b>	11:00 – 12:30 pm	<b>Place:</b>	Utah State Capitol Complex Beehive Conference Center
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<b>Members Present</b>	Narda Beas-Nordell Pat Berkman Trudy Cropper Judge Larry E. Jone	Salvador Mendez Gerry Oler Debbie Rocha Kris Shaw	Shirlee Silversmith Russ Van Vleet
<b>Members Excused</b>	Judge Leslie D. Brown Maria Garciaz	Luther Gaylord Huy Nguyen	Manuel Romero
<b>Members Absent</b>	Fotu Katoa		
<b>Staff &amp; Guest</b>	Staff: Reg Garff                      Guest: Susan Burke Cuong Nguyen                      Audrey Hickert Christine Mitchell		

<b>Agenda Item 1:</b>	<b>Welcome/Introductions – Pat Berckman</b>
Notes	<b>Introductions</b>
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Welcome! Review minutes;</li> <li><b>Motion to approve minutes: Debbie. Second: Russ. Passed unanimous.</b></li> </ul>

<b>Agenda Item 2:</b>	<b>Racial Data Entry</b>
Notes:	<b>Discussion:</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Cuong update progress of DMC data. Questions were asked at the previous meeting about the DMC's 9 Point of Contacts Definition. Cuong invited Christine Mitchell, CCJJ Research Director, Audrey Hickert, Utah Criminal Justice Center, and Susan Burke, Utah Juvenile Court Assistant Administrator to talk about data. These individuals are either involved directly with or administered DMC data.</li> <li>Susan Burke presented the Court &amp; Agencies' Record Exchange (CARE) database system and how its collects information. The data intake form, race and ethnicity were among topics being presented and discussed. Data collected for DMC purposes from CARE are: Referral to Court, Diversion, Detention, Petition, Delinquent Finding, Probation Placement, Confinement, and Transfer to Adult Court.</li> <li>Christine Mitchell explained that arrest data is collected from Utah Bureau of Criminal Identification (BCI). Arrest data were taken from summary reports from Utah's law enforcement agencies (they report on the voluntary basis). Christine says that while not all law enforcement agencies report to BCI, a large numbers of agencies were reporting. Those not reporting were mostly from very small jurisdictions. These agencies use the Uniform Crime Report (UCR), which has the same definition of arrest.</li> <li>Susan, Christine, and Audrey answered concerns regarding data collection and</li> </ul>

	<p>definitions.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Reviewed the OJJDP's DMC definitions.</li> <li>Reg clarified that the OJJDP's definitions do not include status offenders. He reported that the conversation he has with OJJDP Office indicated that status offenders are not required as part of the state's annual report or three year plan. OJJDP advised that status offenders will probably not be required for reporting. Reg states that while it is not required for reporting, Utah should pay attention to status offenders.</li> <li>DMC members suggested to define DMC 9 Point of Contacts relevant Utah.</li> </ul> <p><b>Decisions:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Russ motioned to define arrest for Utah DMC as follows: <i>Youth are considered to be arrested when law enforcement agencies apprehend, cite or refer for having committed a delinquent act. Delinquent acts are those that, if an adult commits them, would be criminal, including crimes against persons, crimes against property, drug offenses, and crimes against the public order.</i> Debbie seconded. Motion passed without opposition.</li> <li>Russ motioned to approve the DMC Committee to separate the RRI data in Status and Non-Status Offenders. Status offenders shall be defined and reported separately for Utah's purposes. Debbie seconded. Motion passed without opposition.</li> <li>In the interests of time, it was suggested to create a working group to draft the DMC definition using OJJDP's DMC definitions as a guideline. The working group will include all statisticians who had involved with RRI data analysis and DMC members. The working group include: Christine Mitchell, Audrey Hickert, Reg Garff, and Cuong Nguyen. Gerry Oler and Russ Van Vleet as DMC members volunteered to be in the working group.</li> </ul> <p><b>Action Item:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Cuong will contact and set up meeting(s) to define the DMC 9 Point of Contacts relevant to Utah.</li> <li>Cuong will send the drafted definition to DMC Committee via email for electronic approval prior to next DMC Meeting.</li> </ul>
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<b>Agenda Item 3:</b>	<b>POST – Next Step</b>
Notes:	<p>Update:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Cuong updated the progress in communicating with POST. With Reg's initial contact, Cuong has made connection with Wade Breur, In-Training Services at POST. He is very supportive of creating youth scenarios and to be included in their cultural competency training. He sent three scenarios as guideline for us to follow.</li> </ul> <p>Action Item:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Cuong will set up a meeting for a working group to create youth scenarios. Gerry Oler volunteered to be in the working group as well.</li> </ul>

<b>Agenda Item 4:</b>	<b>CJJ DMC Plank</b>
Notes:	<p>Presentation:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Cuong presented the latest version (May 29) of CJJ DMC Plank that scheduled to vote by State's SAG Chair, Holly Martak during period of May 30 to Tuesday June 3. The Plank is the CJJ's version of recommended language to be included in the draft bill for the Reauthorization of the JJDP Act. Reg mentioned that there are lots of work has gone into this and he took part in those meeting to draft the Plank language. He shared</li> </ul>

	<p>his support of the language because it gives more structured mechanism to the DMC issue. He mentioned that while it may be a challenge for other state, Utah would have no problem in obtaining what has been specified in the Plank.</p> <p>Decision:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Russ motion to support the CJJ DMC Plank as is. Kris seconded. Motion passed without opposition.</li> </ul> <p>Action Item:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Cuong will notify UBJJ Chair of DMC Subcommittee decision by the end of business day, Friday May 30<sup>th</sup>, 2008.</li> </ul>
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<b>Agenda Item 5:</b>	<b>Other Business</b>
Notes:	<p><b>Information:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Pat shared the work that Cuong and her are currently involved with at the county level. She mentioned that Cuong is currently Chair of the Law Enforcement Subcommittee of Council on Diversity Affairs (CODA). CODA is the advisory board to SL County Mayor Peter Corroon on diversity issues. She mentioned that is a great connection to local government. The involvement will create a great relationship for DMC's future work.</li> <li>Cuong share the two objectives that the subcommittee is doing: 1) diversify the Sheriff's workforce to include minorities, and 2) creating POST preparatory class for potential minority candidates. POST is very supportive of the idea as well. The Sheriff's Office is willing to provide resources to conduct preparatory class, and CODA members, as well as DMC members can play a role in recruiting minority candidates for POST.</li> <li>Next Meeting date: due to holiday and schedule conflict, the next meeting will be on Friday, August 22, 2008 at the NeighborWorks Salt Lake. Pat will not be available and has asked Gerry Oler to chair next meeting. Gerry gladly accepted Pat's request.</li> </ul>

Meeting adjured at 1:00pm

#### Next Meeting

- Friday, August 22, 2008 from 11:00-12:30 p.m.
- Neighborworks Salt Lake; 622 West 500 North, Salt Lake City, UT; Phone: (801) 539-1590

**Meeting notes prepared by Cuong Nguyen, DMC Coordinator;**